

DOCKET NOS. 2010-14-C, 2010-15-C, 2010-16-C, 2010-17-C, 2010-18-C, 2010-19-C
ORDER NO. 2010-349

IN RE: Docket No. 2010-14-C – Complaint and Petition) ORDER APPOINTING
for Relief of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) HEARING OFFICER
d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South)
Carolina v. Affordable Phone Services, Inc. d/b/a)
High Tech Communications;)
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Docket No. 2010-15-C – Complaint and Petition)
for Relief of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
d/b/a AT&T South Carolina v. Dialtone & More,)
Inc.;)
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Docket No. 2010-16-C – Complaint and Petition)
for Relief of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
d/b/a AT&T South Carolina v. Tennessee)
Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom)
Communications USA, LLC;)
)
Docket No. 2010-17-C – Complaint and Petition)
for Relief of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South)
Carolina v. OneTone Telecom, Inc.;)
)
Docket No. 2010-18-C – Complaint and Petition)
for Relief of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.)
d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South)
Carolina v. dPi Teleconnect, LLC; and)
)
Docket No. 2010-19-C – Complaint and)
Petition for Relief of BellSouth)
Telecommunications, Incorporated d/b/a)
AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South)
Carolina v. Image Access, Incorporated d/b/a)
NewPhone)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Commission’s Motion to appoint B. Randall Dong, Esquire, to serve as a hearing officer in the present dockets regarding the Complaints and Petitions for Relief filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South Carolina, Inc. (“AT&T South Carolina”) against Affordable Phone Services, Inc. d/b/a High Tech Communications; Dialtone & More, Inc.; Tennessee Telephone Service, LLC d/b/a Freedom Communications USA, LLC; OneTone Telecom, Inc.; dPi Teleconnect, LLC; and, Image Access, Inc. d/b/a New Phone. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2009).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years’ practice experience.

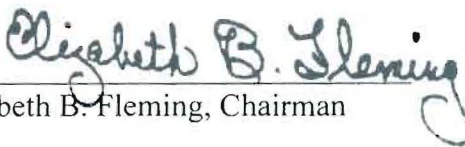
We find that B. Randall Dong meets these qualifications, and we therefore grant the Motion appointing him as hearing officer in these cases. As hearing officer in these proceedings, we direct Mr. Dong to rule on appropriate matters in the cases and dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters for these proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:


1. B. Randall Dong, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in Docket Nos. 2010-14-C, 2010-15-C, 2010-16-C, 2010-17-C, 2010-18-C, and 2010-19-C, regarding the complaints and petitions for relief filed by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a AT&T Southeast d/b/a AT&T South Carolina against the named companies in the referenced dockets, for disposition of procedural and evidentiary matters for these proceedings.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:


John E. Howard, Vice Chairman
(SEAL)